

## THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

*The Association of South Carolina's Consumer Owned Electric Cooperatives  
Which Serve More Than 1.3 Million Citizens*

May 15, 2007

The Honorable G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210  
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Re: Application of Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc., for Approval of Transfer of Its  
Water System to the City of Columbia  
Docket No. 2007-41-W

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

Our office has been contacted by electric cooperative members who either currently receive service from Ashley Oaks Waters System, Inc., or are constructing homes to be serviced by the water system. These members inform us that they are in favor of a transfer to City of Columbia service for a variety of reasons. For example, we are informed that in some cases, problems with the system have delayed the initial connection of newly-constructed homes.

We understand that the Commission is currently considering a proposal to make such a transfer of Ashley Oaks system to the City of Columbia. We take no position on the merits of this proposal. However, we write to urge swift consideration of this matter so that our affected members can obtain some certainty as to their future service expectations.

Very truly yours,

  
Michael N. Couick  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Dukes Scott, Office of Regulatory Staff  
Charlie Terrini, Public Service Commission

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